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1. OHRDRUF (J15), [REDACTED]

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a. The following outbound transports were observed:

24 Oct - Formed in CRAWINKEL: 14 carloads of young troops, vehicles

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24 Oct - Departed OHRDRUF: 8 carloads of troops (half of whom wore war decorations), twenty SU-25

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25 Oct - Departed OHRDRUF: Three 122 mm howitzers 30, five 57 mm AT (PAK 41),

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26 Oct - Departed CRAWINKEL: 17 carloads of young troops (average age 19); 32 pontoons, one motorized pontoon, one motorboat; and vehicles. This was an engineer unit from the forest camp at Waldgasthaus Hagscheide on the road between CRAWINKEL and OHRDRUF.

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b. There were no transports after 26 October. The camp area was empty except for about 20 men who will remain there all winter. The Volkspolizei are allegedly taking care of billets. Construction of a road from MECHTERSTEIN to KINDL (H96) does not seem to have taken place although broad permanent roads have been laid down inside the camp area.

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2. JENA AREA (J66), [REDACTED]

All barracks in Jena proper are fully occupied. On 31 October, units were busy setting up quarters and cleaning weapons and vehicles. No outdoor training was seen.

3. JENA-LOENSTEDT (J76),

a. Artillerie Kaserne - 2,100-2,200 men who, judging from their weapons, may compose one armored regiment of 1,200-1,400 men and an artillery unit of about 900. Eighteen T-34/B5 tanks were parked in front of one shed, five 122 mm howitzers before another, while a third was said to contain artillery pieces.

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b. Parked vehicles in the compound were [REDACTED]

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4. JENA-ZWARTZEN (J77)

a. Kradschützen Kaserne - 1,300-1,400 men, some wearing armored insignia, others with artillery insignia, all with black shoulder straps and red piping. Some of the troops were cleaning nine of the twenty SU-85 which departed OHRDRUF on 24 October (Cf Para 1 preceding); other were practising marksmanship at a range NW of the barracks.

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3. JENA-ROEDIGEN (J77)

a. The former airstrip, 3 km north of ZWARTZEN, is not being used by the Russians. One small and two large barracks are suitable for occupancy, the rest are largely destroyed. The field is held by a guard detachment of about 50 men. Parked vehicles: Two fuel trucks, and trucks

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6. JENA-WEST

The former command building at the JENA-WEST Bahnhof was occupied by 60 men. German laborers stated that this was a station used by troops going on leave. Many troops are now leaving on furloughs, often in groups of 30-40 at a time.

7. WEIMAR (J57), 4-8 November

a. Barracks in WEIMAR are now occupied by troops who recently returned from OHRDRUF and KINDL.

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b. Lützendorf Kaserne - About 2,500 young troops, the majority wearing artillery insignia, black shoulder straps/red piping. A unit of 400-500 men, perhaps associate with vehicles in the wear black shoulder straps minus piping. Two 37 mm AA guns were being

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c. Nachrichten Kaserne - Held by 500 men wearing red shoulder straps. Parked vehicles:

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d. Flak Kaserne - Occupied by 1,600-1,800 men. Vehicles in not hitherto observed by source in Thuringia, carried officers and TM wearing green shoulder straps.

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e. Infanterie Kaserne - This building on the Leibnitz Allee contains 500 troops, some with black shoulder straps, others with black shoulder straps/red piping. The following vehicles were being overhauled at a repair shop in the compound: Parked in front of the barracks

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